

APPROVED: Meeting No. 25-84

ATTEST:

Helen M. Heneghan

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEETING NO. 17-84

June 5, 1984

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in executive session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland on Tuesday, June 5, 1984, at 8:05 p.m. in order to discuss personnel.

PRESENT

Mayor John R. Freeland

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilman Douglas Duncan

Councilwoman Viola Hovsepian

Councilman John Tyner, II
(arrived at 8:20)

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Larry Blick; City Attorney Paul Glasgow;
City Clerk Helen M. Heneghan.

Re: Work Session

There being no further business to come before the Council in Executive Session the Meeting was adjourned for the work session which began at 10:15 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning

Carl Tacci, of WMATA requested the City consider constructing the Twinbrook berm improvement which has been the subject of discussion over recent months.

His staff evaluated the work and cost involved and estimated the value as approximately \$5,000. However, in discussions with his contractor, the extra payment requested substantially exceeded this amount. In addition, other issues were brought up by the contractors, such as a contract time extension, in an apparent attempt to use this change order as leverage in their dealing with WMATA on unrelated matters.

This work could be included in the City's annual maintenance contract with a priority schedule providing for completion by early September 1984. Upon the September completion, WMATA's landscaping contractor will move in and provide the planting, ground coverage, etc. during September and October, the ideal planting season.

WMATA will provide a work authorization to ensure reimbursement and the City will render a bill upon completion of all work, making an allowance for all construction, engineering and administrative costs.

The Mayor and Council approved this idea.

Increase of maintenance on State Highways within the City limits in the FY 85 budget includes \$12,000 for mowing right-of-way and \$8,000 for sweeping State Highway pavements within the City limits - but on the basis of a payback from the State. There are approximately 30 "curb" miles of State Highway requiring sweeping within the City limits. The 30 miles includes both curbs along the center island on Rockville Pike and Veirs Mill Road, and sweeping along Falls Road in areas which do not have "curbs" as such in place. The purpose of the sweeping would be to improve appearance on these heavily travelled roads. Sweeping would be done approximately six times a year. Staff suggests contracting with the State for its reimbursement to the City for the total cost of maintenance. It would be a one-year trial period and then renegotiate a contract for the following year if it seemed appropriate.

The Mayor and Council agreed to this suggestion.

Mass Transportation

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

Street Maintenance

Councilman Tyner suggested the parking lot at Rockville Housing Authority be smoothsealed. The staff will get back with prices for both Scull and Lincoln Terrace.

Street Design and Construction

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

Traffic Operations

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

Snow and Ice Control

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

Bikeways

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

Pedestrian Ways

Councilwoman Hovsepian drew attention to a request for sidewalk on North Adams. She also noted her previous request of a sidewalk on Chapman Avenue between Twinbrook Parkway and Bouic. Mayor Freeland asked the City Manager to come back with a cost for lighting the trees on South Washington Street. Councilman Tyner suggested the staff still may want to consider the services of a hydrologist.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council in Work Session the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m. to convene again at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 1984, or at the call of the Mayor.